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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ***Ex Parte Communication***
High Cost Universal Service Support, WC Docket No. 05-337
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No.
96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, Mike Rhoda, Windstream Senior V.P. for Government Affairs, and I met with Billy Jack Gregg of the Universal Service Joint Board to discuss Windstream's position on comprehensive universal service reform. The discussion was consistent with positions Windstream has already described in record of this proceeding and as summarized in the attached document, which we provided to Mr. Gregg.

Please feel free to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/

Eric N. Einhorn

cc (by e-mail):

Billy Jack Gregg